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SUBJ: CIVAIR - DGTA BERCKEMEYER COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 140581

1. DGTA BERCKEMEYER TELEPHONED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JUNE 18 TO SET TIME FOR FIRST MEETING ON JUNE 23. IT WAS AGREED THAT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE AT 10:00 A.M. AT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

2. DGTA THEN TURNED TO NEGOTIATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT THERE WERE STILL MAJOR AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, HE WISHED EMBASSY TO UNDERSTAND THAT IMPOSITION OF LIMITS ON AEROPERU OPERATIONS SOUTH OF LIMA WOULD BE "COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE". IF U.S. CONTINUES TO INSIST ON THIS, THERE WILL BE NO AGREEMENT. BERCKEMEYER ADDED THAT THERE WAS ONE OTHER POINT OF EXTREME DIFFICULTY FOR PERU. FOR A "VARIETY OF REASONS" THAT DGTA DID NOT SPECIFY, FIVE BRANIFF FREQUENCIES TO BUENOS AIRES WOULD ALSO BE UN-
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ACCEPTABLE. (DGTA WAS LESS EMPHATIC ON THIS POINT.)

3. BERCKEMEYER THEN LAUNCHED INTO RECITAL OF CONCESSIONS PERUVIAN SIDE HAD MADE. THIS DUPLICATED ALMOST WORD FOR WORD SUMMARY OF PERUDEL POSITION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 10 REFTEL, INCLUDING COMPLAINT THAT WHEREAS PERUDEL HAD MOVED FORWARD, USDEL HAD MOVED BACKWARDS BY REDUCING SCOPE OF BEHIND RIGHTS AND DENYING ACCESS TO NEW YORK. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID WE HAD RECEIVED COMPLETE REPORT ALONG PRECISELY THESE LINES AND THAT REPORT HAD ALSO SUMMARIZED U.S. POSITION, WHICH EMBASSY OFFICER PROCEEDED TO REPEAT, DRAWING ON LATTER PORTION OF PARA 10 REFTEL. DGTA BECAME EXCITED AT REFERENCE TO 42 FLIGHTS WHICH HE TERMED ONLY A "REQUEST" AND THEREFORE FICTITIOUS, WHILE EMBASSY OFFICER ARGUED THAT IT WAS "REAL" UNDER TERMS OF CIVIL BILATERAL. DGTA ALSO BECAME EXCITED OVER REFERENCE TO BERMUDA PRINCIPLES, WHICH HE CLAIMED PERU COULD NOT RECOGNIZE AS POINT OF DEPARTURE. EMBASSY OFFICER COMMENTED THAT FOREGOING CONVERSATION ONLY SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SOME DIFFERENCES WERE STILL TO BE RESOLVED, BUT THAT HE PREFERRED TO REMAIN OPTIMISTIC WITH WHICH BERCKEMEYER AGREED.

4. COMMENT: BERCKEMEYER'S CALL APPEARED TO HAVE PURPOSE OF UNDERSCORING GOP OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF LIMITS ON BEHIND RIGHTS. BALANCE OF COMMENTARY SEEMED FOR PURPOSE OF BRIEFING EMBASSY AND INSURING THAT EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD PERUDEL POSITION AT END OF WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.
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